
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration**

50 CFR Part 227

[Docket No. 900387-0087]

**Listing of Steller Sea Lions as
Threatened Under Endangered
Species Act With Protective
Regulations; Corrections**

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries
Service (NMFS), NOAA, Commerce.

ACTION: Emergency interim rule;
corrections.

SUMMARY: NMFS is correcting errors in the emergency interim rule listing the Steller sea lion as a threatened species which was published in the **Federal Register** on April 5, 1990 (55 FR 12645). This notice corrects the effective dates contained in the preamble and the table of listed Steller sea lion rookery sites in § 227.12(a)(3) of the rule.

DATES: This emergency rule is effective on April 5, 1990, and expires on December 3, 1990. Comments are requested by May 7, 1990.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Dr. Charles Karnella, Chief, Protected
Species Management Division, Silver
Spring, MD 301-427-2322, or Dr. Howard
Braham, Director, National Marine
Mammal Laboratory, Seattle, WA, 206-
526-4045.

In FR Doc. 90-7924, in the issue of
April 5, 1990, beginning on page 12645,
make the following corrections:

1. On page 12645, in the second
column, under the "DATES" heading, in
line 3, "December 31, 1990" should read
"December 3, 1990,".

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§ 227.12(a)(3) [Corrected]

2. On page 12648, in table 1 at the
bottom of the page, in the fourth column
(in the second set of coordinates for
Outer I) under the "Lat." heading, the
first entry "51°21.0 N" should read
"59°21.0 N".

3. On page 12649, the footnote at the
bottom of Table 1 should read "Each site
extends in a clockwise direction from
the first set of geographic coordinates
along the shoreline at mean lower low

water to the second set of coordinates; or, if only one set of coordinates is listed, the site extends around the entire shoreline of the island at mean lower low water."

Dated: April 18, 1990.

James E. Douglas, Jr.,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Janet E. Smoker, Fishery Management
Biologist, 907-586-7230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (FMP) governs the groundfish fishery in the exclusive economic zone in the Gulf of Alaska under the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Regulations implementing the FMP are at 50 CFR part 672. Section 672.20(a) of the regulations establishes an optimum yield (OY) range of 118,000-800,000 metric tons (mt) for all groundfish species in the Gulf of Alaska. Total allowable catches (TACs) for target species and species groups are specified annually within the OY range and apportioned among the regulatory areas and districts.

The 1990 TAC specified for sablefish in the SEO/EY Districts is 5,980 mt (January 31, 1990, 55 FR 3223); the portion of the TAC allocated to hook-and-line gear is 5,680 mt. Under § 672.24(b)(3)(i), if the share of the sablefish TAC assigned to any type of gear for any area or district will be taken before the end of the year, further directed fishing for sablefish will be prohibited in order to provide adequate bycatch amounts to ensure continued fishing activity by that gear group.

During the remainder of the fishing year, hook-and-line fisheries in SEO/EY are expected to require 100 mt of sablefish for bycatch in other hook-and-line fisheries. Therefore, the Regional Director plans to close the directed fishery when 5,580 mt have been taken. The directed hook-and-line fishery for sablefish started April 1, 1990. The Regional Director reports that vessels using hook-and-line gear have landed 4,055 mt of sablefish through April 15 in the SEO/EY. The balance of the 5,580 mt

will be harvested by 12 noon, a.d.t., April 20, 1990.

Therefore, pursuant to § 672.24(b)(3)(i), the Secretary is prohibiting further directed fishing for sablefish caught with hook-and-line gear in the SEO/EY Districts effective 12 noon, a.d.t., April 20, 1990. After the closure, and in accordance with § 672.20(g)(2), amounts of sablefish on board a hook-and-line vessel in the SEO/EY Districts at any time must be less than four percent of the total amount of fish and fish products retained on board a vessel, as calculated from round weight equivalents.

Allocation of the sablefish resource between hook-and-line and trawl gear in the SEO/EY area, and the continued health of all components of the sablefish fishery will be jeopardized unless this notice takes effect promptly. Therefore, NOAA finds for good cause that prior opportunity for public comment on this notice is contrary to the public interest and its effective date should not be delayed.

Public comments on this action may be submitted to the Regional Director at the address above through May 5, 1990.

Classification

This action is taken under §§ 672.20 and 672.24, and is in compliance with Executive Order 12291.

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 672

Fisheries, Recordkeeping and reporting requirements.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801, *et seq.*

Dated: April 20, 1990.

Richard H. Schaefer,

Director of Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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